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Applicant: **Akira Uchiyama**

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For: **METHOD OF TREATING A SURFACE OF A SUBSTRATE
CONTAINING TITANIUM FOR AN ORNAMENT**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in an Examination Report dated January 21, 2003 in Japanese Patent Appln. No. 9-277840, and February 18, 2003, in Japanese Patent Appln. No. 9-277839, which are both counterparts to the instant case.

As a convenience to the Examiner, English translations of the cited references are included. Also, copies of those Examination Report are submitted herewith

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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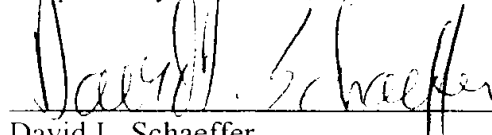
This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after receipt of a final Office Action. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to deposit account no. 19-4709, and the requisite Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) follows.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1)

It is hereby stated that each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this information disclosure statement.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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